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CRYSTAL PALACE LOCATION
SUB-COMMITTEE



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Wednesday, July 12th, 1989

2:00 p.m.

Room 219, City Hall

The New Crystal Palace Location Sub-Committee met.

There were present: Mr. E. Seager, Chairman
Alderman T. Jackson
Mrs. E. Morrow
Mr. D. Muir

Also present: Mr. George Baird, Baird/Sampson Architects
Mr. C. Firth-Eagland
Mr. K. Christenson, Waterfront Project Co-ordinator

Mr. Seager called the meeting to order and welcomed Mr. Baird of Baird/Sampson Architects. Mr. Seager asked K. Christenson if he had heard further regarding the Report to the Parks and Recreation Committee on the relocation of the New Crystal Palace. Mr. Christenson replied that the issue of hiring a consultant still requires City Council approval, as the Report was referred back due to a change in the wording on the funding issue.

Location/Consultant
Proposal

Mr. Seager asked K. Christenson what progress had been made in the attempt to separate the Waterfront Capital Budget and the Crystal Palace Budget. K. Christenson replied that he had spoken with Brian Hotrum in the Treasury Department, who indicated that the Capital Budget submissions begin in September, and that it would be suitable to submit the two separate projects at that time. In the meantime, the projects actual funding has not been approved yet as it starts in 1990. Mr. Seager asked what department would be responsible for the money; Community Development, C.A.O. or Public Works? K. Christenson replied that it would remain under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.

Capital Budget

Mr. Seager explained that the Committee decided that the Crystal Palace would be moved from the Waterfront Park location, and that the contract with Mr. Baird could be enhanced to include a New Locations Study. He reiterated that the Crystal Palace's major use would be the flower shows, a green room/reception area for the City of Hamilton, and possibly an 'afternoon tea' area. The big question is where will it be located. Mr. Seager gave Mr. Baird a list of possible locations for the Crystal Palace:

Baird/Sampson

- a) Sam Lawrence Park
- b) Commonwealth Square
- c) McQueston Park
- d) Dundurn and Harvey Park
- e) Mohawk Road East at Mountain Park
- f) Foot of James Street (Hamilton Harbour Commission property)
- g) Princess Point (Royal Botanical Gardens property)
- h) Mountain Brow Park
- i) Gage Park
- j) Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital Grounds

Mr. Baird said he would review each location, and speak to each member of the Location Committee on a one-to-one basis for their ideas and views on the various locations, then he would prepare a proposed Terms of Reference for the study. He stated that two steps would be taken at first: A preliminary look at a long list of locations, from which a short would be prepared with a detailed look at each of these locations.

Mr. Baird asked the Committee what the political perception regarding the location of the Crystal Palace was. Alderman Jackson replied the majority of Council was in favour of the Crystal Palace. However, the less controversy over sites, and the amount of expenditures used on the project is a major concern of the Council members. Mr. Baird asked Alderman Jackson to comment on the question of a secondary use of the facility as a Civic reception place. Mr. Baird felt that this type of secondary use would generate more prestige than money, there would be a spin-off effect. Mr. Seager stated that Hamilton did not have, and required, a reception area for visiting dignitaries.

K. Christenson said that he had spoken with John Avery of the Purchasing Department explaining that Mr. Baird had been involved as the professional advisor with the

Crystal Palace in the past, and would be the logical one to continue on, as an expanded version of the contract on the proposed studies. Mr. Avery stated that this was in keeping with the City's purchasing policies, and that they would support a recommendation to increase the contract with Baird/Sampson. K. Christenson said he would like to see a proposal come back outlining what Baird/Sampson is going to provide us with including costs, etc. Then a discussion of the proposal with the Crystal Palace Committee, and taking the recommendation, if suitable, along with the Purchasing Department's comments to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Baird asked what the status was of the unspent portion of the old contract? K. Christenson replied that approximately one-half of the original \$40,000. was still remaining. Mr. Baird asked the Committee if in this new proposal, the Committee would like him to include the completion of the original contract. Mr. Seager replied that he should do both. Mr. Baird stated that this would be the final addition of the building program plus, the completion of the competition documents themselves. Mr. Seager would like this worded as to be a continuance of his present contract.

K. Christenson reminded the Committee that since the Crystal Palace is now separate from the Waterfront Project, it may have to undergo the Environmental Assessment process. He explained that any Municipal project over \$4 million dollars is within the realm of the Environmental Assessment Act. This will have to be addressed. He further suggested that Mr. Baird include this issue within his proposal.

Mr. Seager felt this proposal from Mr. Baird should be prepared and presented to the full Committee of the Crystal Palace before going to the Parks and Recreation Committee and then to Council. The next meeting of the Crystal Palace Location Sub-Committee would be held in early August. K. Christenson will inform the members of the time and location of the meeting. Mr. Baird said he could have a proposal worked out by that time.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, August 3rd, 1989
10:00 a.m.
Property Department Meeting Room
City Hall

The New Crystal Palace Location Sub-Committee met.

There were present: Mr. E. Seager, Chairman
Alderman T. Jackson
Mrs. E. Morrow

Also present: Mr. George Baird, Baird/Sampson Architects
Mr. C. Firth-Eagland, Public Works
Mr. K. Christenson, Community Development
Mr. J. Pavelka, Director, Public Works

Regrets: Mr. D. Muir

E. Seager called the meeting to order. A review of the minutes warranted a change to the 4th paragraph which should read "...one-to-one basis for their ideas and views on the various locations, following the preparation of the proposed Terms of Reference for the study". It was MOVED by Alderman Jackson, SECONDED by Mrs. Morrow and CARRIED that the minutes of July 12th, 1989 be adopted as read.

E. Seager turned the meeting over to G. Baird who briefly explained his proposal for the Crystal Palace Location Study, and opened the floor to any questions. There was a question regarding the proposed Study's Budget, and whether it included the amount remaining from the previous contract budget. The Committee suggested that a more detailed and specific Study Budget be prepared for presentation to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

A discussion ensued concerning the list of possible sites. G. Baird suggested that his firm take the 10 locations, study their potential for development, and come back to the Committee with a short-list of 5. Following further investigation of these 5, a recommended site would be chosen and presented for the Committee's approval. After further discussion, it was agreed to add Confederation Park and Turner Farm to the original location list for consideration.

E. Seager stressed the importance of having the purpose and function of the Crystal Palace in written form. It was noted that this is currently being worked on by another sub-committee.

It was estimated by G. Baird, that if approval was received from the Parks & Recreation Committee at the August 22nd meeting, that the Committee could possibly be looking at a target date for the finalization of a location by the end of October.

A tentative meeting was established for August 11th to review the report before it goes to the Parks & Recreation Committee for approval on August 22nd.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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